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1. SUMMARY: SEVEN PLUS SEVEN GROUP ON MAY 15 FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE CHAIRMANSIPS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SUBGROUPS AND THE NTM SUBGROUPS. SEVEN PLUS SEVEN WILL MEET AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS THAT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS HAVE LED TO CONSENSUS ON CHAIRMANSIPS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 15 A NEW MEETING OF THE SEVEN PLUS SEVEN GROUP
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WAS HELD TO DECIDE ON THE STILL VACANT CHAIRMANSIPS FOR

THE AGRICULTURAL AND NTM SUBGROUPS. IN THE ABSENCE OF LONG,
THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY PATTERSON.

3. THE EC (LUYTEN) MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY COULD AGREE
ON THE VARIOUS CHAIRMANSIPS ONLY IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT
INVOLVED A PACKAGE DEAL. WHILE STRESSING THEIR PREFER-
ENCES FOR CHAIRMAN FROM THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE
AGRICULTURAL SUBGROUPS, THE EC DID NOT EXPLICITLY RULE
OUT AN OUTSIDER AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE GRAINS SUBGROUP.

4. US (MCNAMARA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS PRO-
POSED PAROTTE AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE GRAINS SUBGROUP. THE
U.S. ALSO PROPOSED A NATIONAL CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEAT
SUBGROUP ALLUDING TO NEW ZEALAND'S AMBASSADOR EASTERBROOK-
SMITH, AFTER TELECON WITH WASHINGTON, SINCE FALCONER IS
NOT AVAILABLE, AND SUGGESTED DELEGATIONS GIVE FURTHER
CONSIDERATION TO QUESTION OF WHO WOULD BE BEST MAN FOR
DAIRY GROUP. HOWEVER, SINCE EASTERBROOK-SMITH IS ABSENT
FROM GENEVA, US REFRAINED FROM PROPOSING HIM BY NAME
WITHOUT HIS CONCURRENCE. US ALSO PROPOSED DUNKEL
(SWITZERLAND) AS CHAIRMAN OF NTM SUBGROUP ON CUSTOMS
MATTERS: JODKO (POLAND) WHO WAS EARLIER PROPOSED BY
INFORMAL "THREE WISE MEN" IS NOT AVAILABLE.

5. PAROTTE'S NOMINATION RECEIVED QUALIFIED BUT LIMITED
SUPPORT FROM JAPAN AND SOME STRONGER SUPPORT FROM
AUSTRALIA AND CANADA. CANADA ALSO MENTIONED MOORE AS
POSSIBLE CHAIRMAN IN CASE PAROTTE WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
AS REGARDS PAROTTE, PATTERSON FELT OBLIGED TO WARN
AGAINST PRECEDENT WHICH NOMINATION OF OFFICIAL FROM
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WOULD SET. (HE WAS
ALLUDING TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT LDC'S MIGHT WISH TO
NOMINATE UNCTAD REPRESENTATIVES FOR CHAIRMANSIPS OF
VARIOUS OTHER SUBGROUPS).

6. THE MEETING ENDED WITHOUT ANY AGREEMENT AND IT WAS
DECIDED THAT THE SEVEN PLUS SEVEN WOULD NOT RECONVENE
PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND NTM
SUBGROUPS UNLESS CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS HAD
LED TO A PRIOR CONSENSUS ON HOW TO SETTLE CHAIRMANSIPS
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QUESTION.

7. IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREED CHAIRMEN, THE NEXT SUBGROUP
MEETINGS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARIAT.
PATTERSON, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP WILL,
THEREFORE, CHAIR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP
GRAINS.MCNAMARA

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